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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping taskforce, which includes his own team of Avengers.

The Hood, now in possession of the powerful Asgardian Norn Stones care of Loki, has made a pact with Osborn to have his syndicate of criminals hunt down the elusive Avengers.

Steve Rogers, the original Captain America, presumed dead, is now back in action and teaming up with his old partner, Bucky Barnes, the current Captain America, to battle the Hood's attack.

Across town, Spider-Man & Spider-Woman are jumped by two of the Hood's crew and Spider-Woman, now in their thrall, is being coerced into killing Spider-Man.

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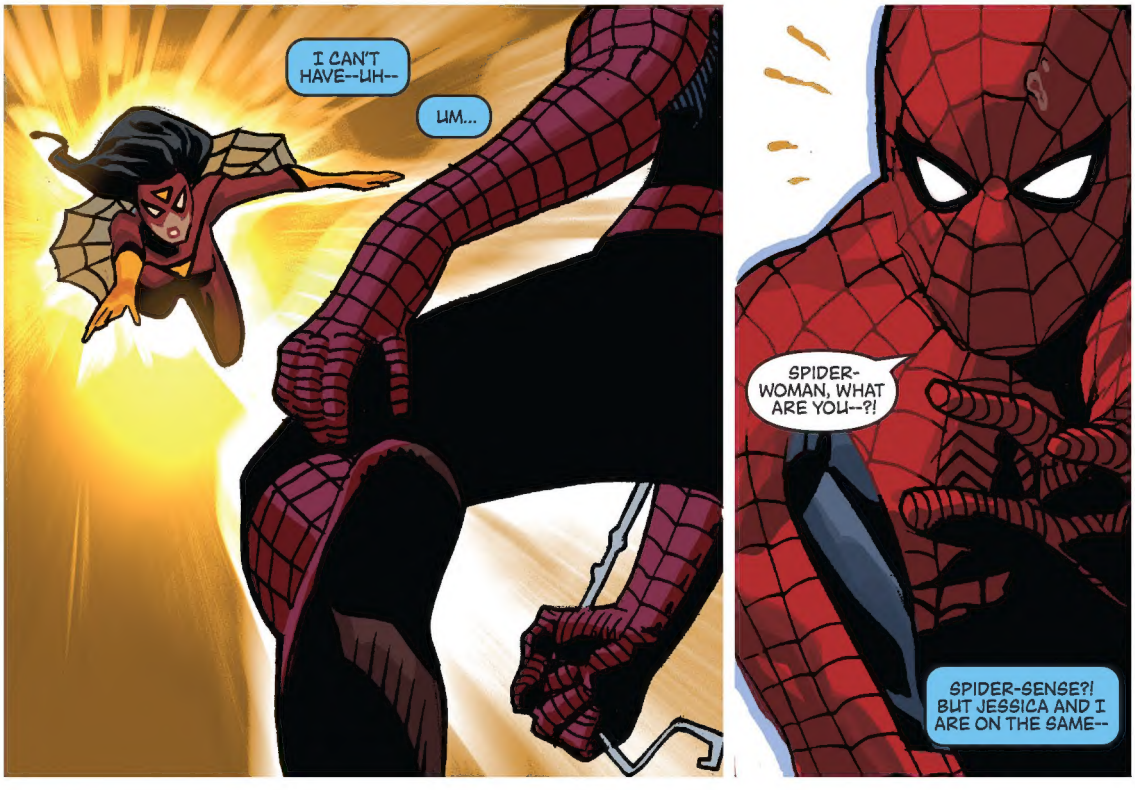
OKAY, THIS IS EMBARRASSING.
EVEN FOR ME.

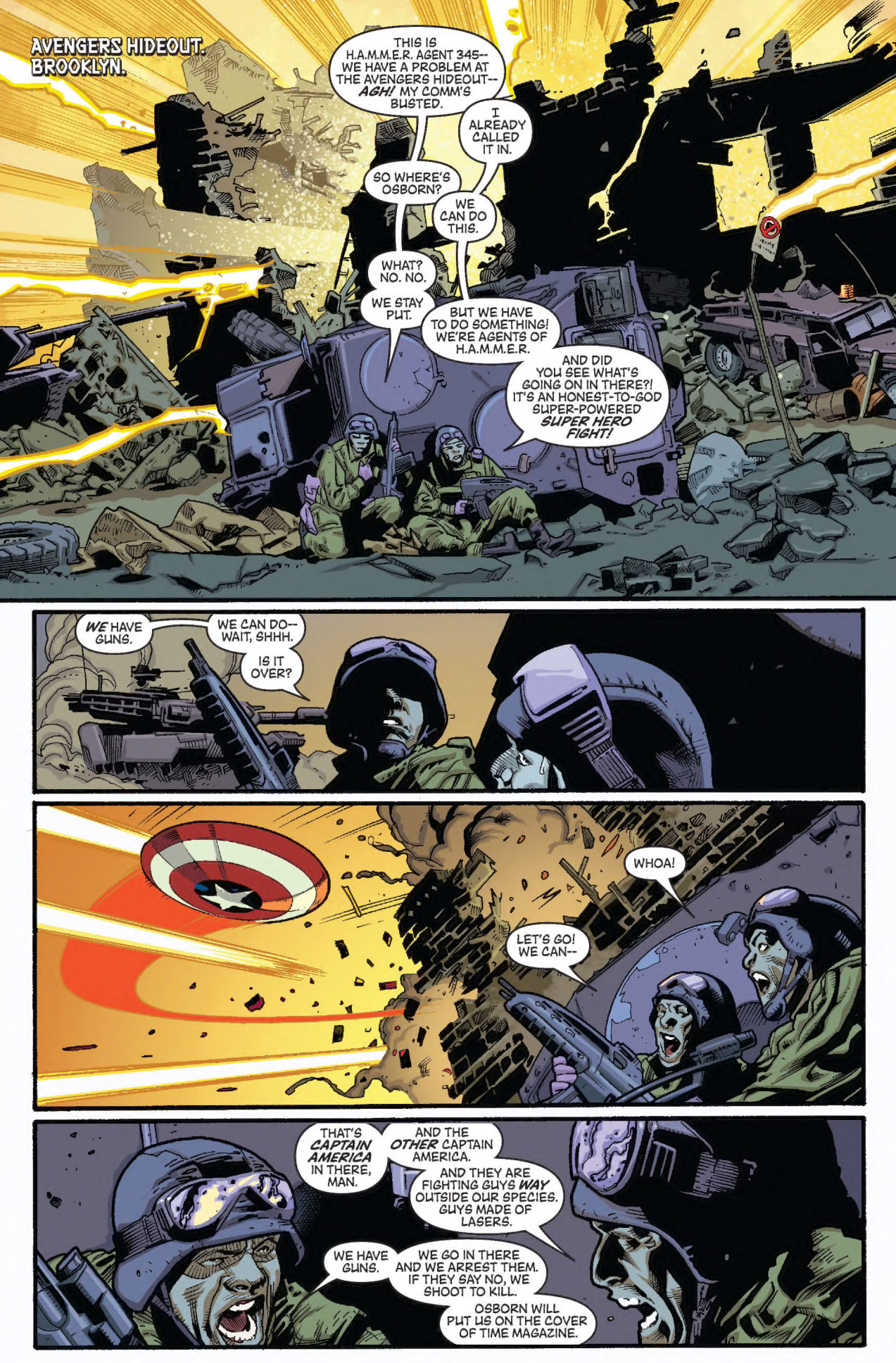
EVEN FIGHTING THE GRIFFIN TO *BEGIN WITH.*
WAP!
IT'S BENEATH ME. IT IS. I MEAN, COME ON.
I HAVE ACTUAL SUPER HERO CREDENTIALS.
I PLAY WITH THE BIG BOYS. AND NOW I'M FIGHTING THE GRIFFIN?!
AGAIN?!
AAGH!
AND MORE TO THE POINT, *THIS* IS HOW I'M DOING? I'M NOT EVEN *WINNING?*
I HAVE TO END THIS QUICKLY JUST OUT OF PRINCIPLE.


I CAN'T HAVE--UH--
UM...
SPIDER-WOMAN, WHAT ARE YOU--?!
SPIDER-SENSE?! BUT JESSICA AND I ARE ON THE SAME--

SMACK
AGH!
COME ON!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER, MANDRILL?
A LITTLE MIND CONTROL.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT.
ONLY TO WOMEN.
REALLY?
GOOGLE IT.
GOOD FOR YOU.
WATCH THIS.
JESSICA, COME ON!
WHAT THE HELL IS THE MATTER WITH YOU?
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S SNAPPED.
DID SHE SNAP?
IF I'D BEEN THROUGH ALL THE HELL SHE'S BEEN THROUGH, I WOULD HAVE SNAPPED.
ZZRAATT
BUT I HAVE BEEN THROUGH HELL AND I'M FINE.
WAIT--IT'S GOTTA BE SOME OTHER THING.

THOSE MONKEY GUYS GOT TO HER. YEAH--SHE'S ALL GLASSY-EYED AND ROBOTIC.
YIKES.
I'M GOING TO GIVE HER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT ON THIS.
BECAUSE GIVING WOMEN THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT HAS *ALWAYS* BEEN SUCH A *GOOD MOVE* FOR ME.
HURAGH!
RAARRG!
JESSICA!
SMACK
HEY, SERIOUSLY, GET *AHOLD* OF YOURSELF!
FOCUS FOR *AAAAGH!*

AAGH!
OH, THAT'S GREAT.
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MY CAMERA. I ALWAYS MISS IT.
SHOULD WE GO IN AND FINISH IT?
NO, NO, LET IT PLAY OUT.
YOU SURE?
IT'LL BE OVER IN TWO MINUTES. WHY DENY YOURSELF?
JUST--FOR--THE RECORD--
YOU'RE ONLY WINNING BECAUSE--I WON'T HIT YOU--UNTIL I KNOW FOR--
AARRGGHH!
WHAT
OKAY, THAT WAS GREAT.
SEE?
JESSICA.
COME ON.

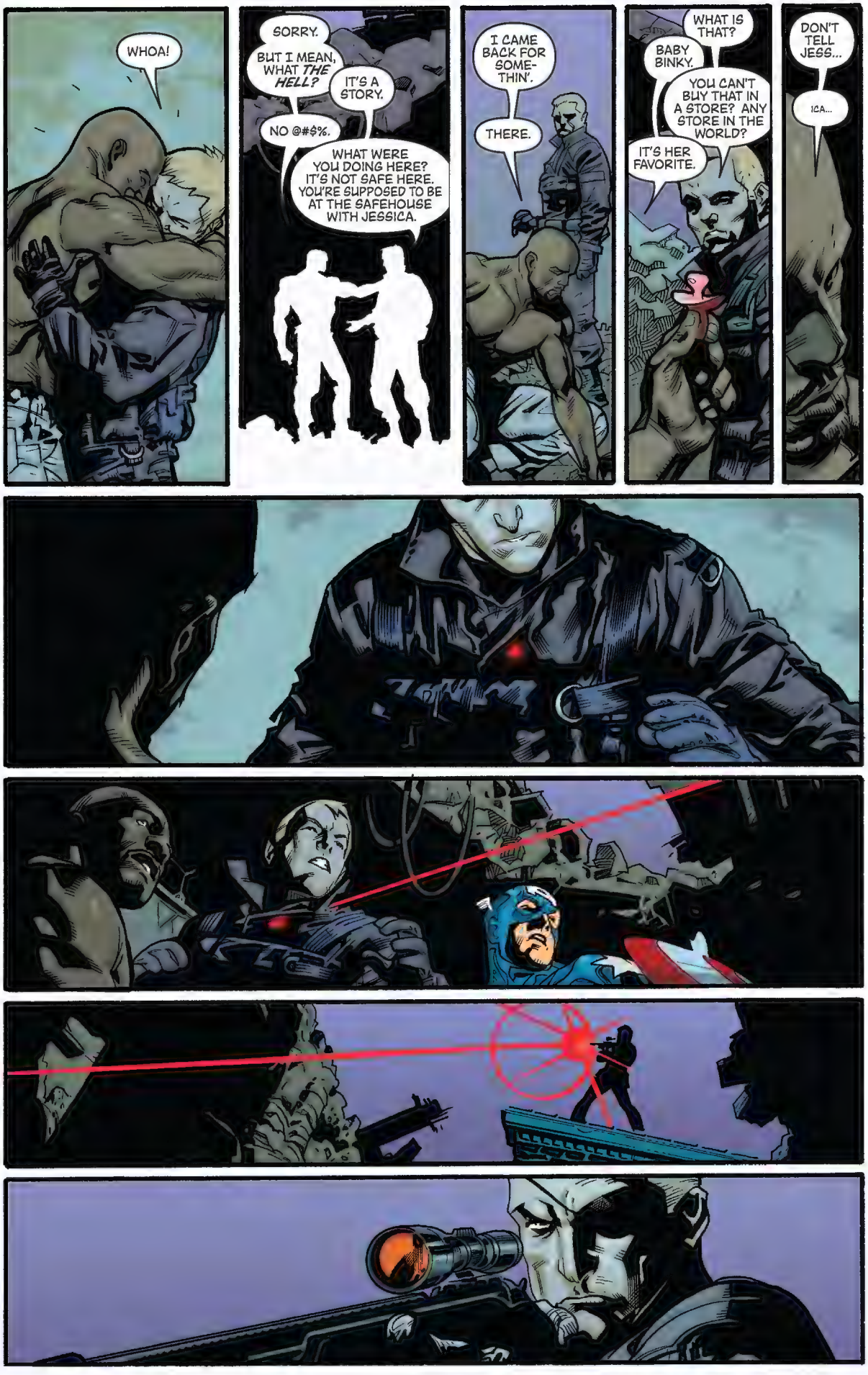

AVENGERS HIDEOUT.
BROOKLYN.
THIS IS H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT 345-- WE HAVE A PROBLEM AT THE AVENGERS HIDEOUT-- AGH! MY COMM'S BUSTED.
I ALREADY CALLED IT IN.
SO WHERE'S OSBORN?
WE CAN DO THIS.
WHAT? NO. NO.
WE STAY PUT.
BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! WE'RE AGENTS OF H.A.M.M.E.R.
AND DID YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?! IT'S AN HONEST-TO-GOD SUPER-POWERED SUPER HERO FIGHT!
WE HAVE GUNS.
WE CAN DO-- WAIT, SHHH.
IS IT OVER?
WHOA!
LET'S GO! WE CAN--
THAT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA IN THERE, MAN.
AND THE OTHER CAPTAIN AMERICA.
AND THEY ARE FIGHTING GUYS WAY OUTSIDE OUR SPECIES. GUYS MADE OF LASERS.
WE HAVE GUNS.
WE GO IN THERE AND WE ARREST THEM. IF THEY SAY NO, WE SHOOT TO KILL.
OSBORN WILL PUT US ON THE COVER OF TIME MAGAZINE.

YEAH, SURE.
WE'LL KILL CAPTAIN AMERICA.
WORLD WAR *TWO* COULDN'T KILL HIM, THE *RED SKULL* COULDN'T KILL HIM, A BULLET ON THE *COURTHOUSE STEPS* COULDN'T KILL HIM...
BUT *YOU*, YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.
SURE. YEAH. RIGHT! GO ON, THEN AND--
WAAMTTTT
OH BOY.
SMACK

ARTHUR PARKS, RIGHT?
YOU-- YOU KNOW MY NAME?
THE LIVING LASER. I REMEMBER YOU. HOW'S THE WORLD BEEN TREATING YOU?
@#!$ YOU.
HE'S ONE OF THE HOOD'S MEN.
SO WAS THE OTHER ONE.
SON, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU TRUE.
YOU PICKED THE WRONG FIGHT AND THE WRONG PLACE TO DO IT.
THERE'S MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN WHATEVER GAME YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE PLAYING.
THE FREEDOM OF THE ENTIRE WORLD IS AT STAKE.
SO THAT SAID: I'M GIVING YOU ONE CHANCE AND ONE CHANCE ONLY.
RUN.
RUN AWAY AND ONCE AND FOR ALL....CHANGE YOUR LIFE.
OR WHAT?
ZZAAAFFT
ALWAYS THE SAME.
OR IT SEEMS LUKE CAGE WILL PUNCH YOUR HEAD RIGHT OFF YOUR BODY.
WHAT?

SPOCK
MAN'S GOT A POINT!
AAGH! NO YOU--
ZZAAAFFT
TICKLES.
TIME TO WRAP THIS UP.
DO IT.
AGRGH!

AAGGH!!
AGRGH!
HOPE I DIDN'T KILL HIM.
THEY CALL HIM THE LIVING LASER.
HE'LL BE FINE.
I WAS BEING SARCASTIC, ACTUALLY.
ACTUALLY... SO WAS I.
THANKS, LUCAS.
IS THAT--?! ARE YOU--?!
IT'S HIM.
I'M BACK.


WHOA!
SORRY.
BUT I MEAN, WHAT *THE HELL?*
IT'S A STORY.
NO @#$%.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING HERE? IT'S NOT SAFE HERE. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE SAFEHOUSE WITH JESSICA.
I CAME BACK FOR SOME-THIN'.
THERE.
WHAT IS THAT?
BABY BINKY.
YOU CAN'T BUY THAT IN A STORE? ANY STORE IN THE WORLD?
IT'S HER FAVORITE.
DON'T TELL JESS...
ICA...

HEY!
COME ON, JESS. SNAP OUT OF IT!
HEY!
HA!
WHERE'S SHORT ROUND WITH A HAND TORCH WHEN YOU NEED HIM?!
HA!
STOP!
WHUMP
OW!
FAAAKK
NNNN!

STOP IT!
COME ON, I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU. SHAKE IT OFF.
HOLD ON.
HOLD ON!
WHAT HAPPENED?
THE UGLY ONE.
HE DID SOMETHING TO ME. MUST BE CHEMICAL.
WHICH UGLY ONE?
HURAGH!
AAGH!
AAAAT
AGH!
COME ON!
I'M SSSSORRY.
I KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I CAN'T FIGHT IT.
YOU CAN.

HEY NOW.
NICE.
FANTASTIC.
THANK YOU.
WHAT IS SHE DOING NOW?
WAITING FOR MY NEXT COMMAND.
LET'S GO GIVE IT TO HER.
AW, LOOK AT THAT.
OKAY, NOW I WANT YOU TO--
MMRR!
SPACK

SMACK
YOU DO NOT @#$% WITH ME!
KRAATT

YOU DO NOT--
HEY!
HEY, IT'S OVER. IT'S DONE.
IF YOU WEREN'T HERE, I'D KILL THEM!
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I'D KILL THEM BOTH.
YOU'RE MAD.
WELL, YEAH!
YOU WON. IT'S DONE. LET IT GO.
HE WAS INSIDE MY HEAD!
AND YOU STILL WON.
SO WE JUST LEAVE THEM HERE?!
WELL, WE CAN'T CALL THE COPS. COPS'LL JUST LET THEM GO.
THEY'RE IN THE HOOD'S GANG AND THE HOOD IS CONNECTED ALL THE WAY UP TO OSBORN.
UGH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.
WHAT?
WE'LL CALL THE PRESS. ANONYMOUSLY.
THEY'LL FIND THESE GUYS, CALL THE COPS AND REPORT IT.
WHAT WILL THAT DO?
EMBARRASS THE CRAP OUT OF THEM.
MAYBE THEY GO TO JAIL FOR A WEEK LONGER.
MAYBE THAT TAKES THE HOOD'S GANG OF IDIOTS DOWN BY TWO.
AND THAT'S ENOUGH?
WELL, IT HAS TO BE.
FOR NOW.

NICK?
FURY?
SANTORA KILLO JANE NUGGETS.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
THAT'S THE KILLSWITCH CODE FOR ALL LIFE MODEL DECOYS.
JUST MAKING SURE EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.
IT'S ME, NICK.
I WOULD HAVE CALLED YOU, BUT YOU AREN'T THAT EASY TO GET AHOLD OF.
COME WITH US...
I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL.
SLINGSHOT
HELLFIRE
I'M NOT ALONE.
UH, GUYS.
CAN WE BE ALL SERGIO LEONE LATER?
YEAH, UH. THERE'S--
STONEWALL
PHOBOS
EDEN FESI
QUAKE
THE SECRET WARRIORS.

"--H.A.M.M.E.R. INCOMING."

AVENGERS SAFEHOUSE, BROOKLYN. LATER.

WHOA.

YEAH I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY... THAT...

THERE HE IS.

MS. MARVEL

JESSICA JONES

CLINT BARTON

AVENGERS...

IS--IS THIS REAL?

I WENT TO THE LIVING LEGENDS STORE AND THIS IS ALL THEY HAD.

THIS IS-- THIS IS A TRICK, RIGHT? THIS IS A--

VERY EMOTIONAL BUNCH.

QUIET.

SON OF A BITCH.

IS THAT LIVE?

THESE IMAGES YOU ARE SEEING ARE LIVE.
THE MIGHTY THOR IS BEING BROUGHT DOWN BY NORMAN OSBORN AND HIS AVENGERS.
WORD FROM OSBORN'S CAMP IS THAT THIS IS IN RETALIATION FOR THE CHICAGO INCIDENT LAST NIGHT.
NOW WE KNOW WHY OSBORN DIDN'T SHOW UP HIMSELF TO...
SSHH.
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS TO THIS INITIATIVE AND WE WILL KEEP REPORTING LIVE FOR AS LONG AS--HOLD ON. HOLD ON...
YES, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD. THOR IS DOWN.
I REPEAT: THOR HAS BEEN TAKEN DOWN. OH MY GOODNESS...
STAY WITH US...
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER...
LIVE FROM ASGARD. BROXTON UNDER
HEY, GUYS. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE NIGHT WE JUST--
OH, MAN.
OKAY, YOU WIN.
WHATEVER YOUR GUYS' NIGHT WAS, IT WAS CRAZIER THAN OURS.
THESE KIDS READY TO FIGHT?
I TRAINED THEM TO.
HOW MANY MORE YOU GOT?
NOT ENOUGH FOR THIS.
BUCK, HOW MANY FRIENDLIES WE HAVE?
NOT ENOUGH FOR THIS.
IT'LL HAVE TO BE... AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
DAMN RIGHT.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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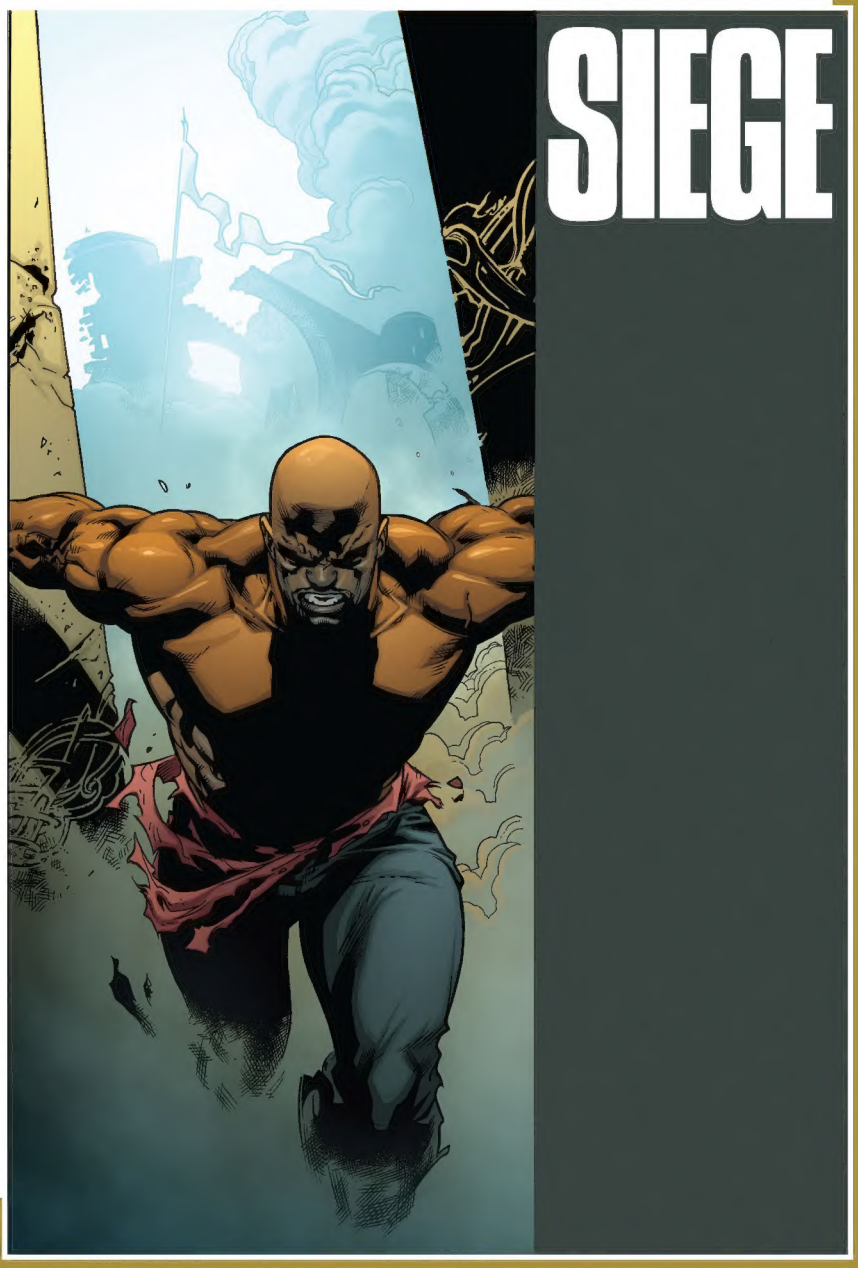

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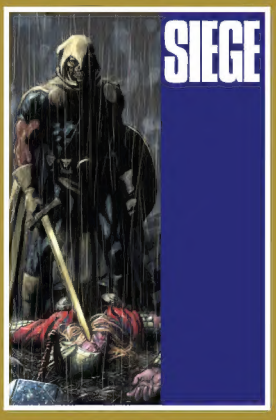

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